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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5162
INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

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TAGS: CASC
SUBJ: W/W MISSING AMERICAN CITIZENS

REF: STATE 168246

1. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST.
2. THIS IS A CONSOLIDATED REPLY TO REFERENCE FOR BOTH QUITO AND GUAYAQUIL.
3. TOTAL DETENTION FACILITIES IN ECUADOR RANGING FROM PENITENTIARIES TO SINGLE CELLS IN WIDELY DISPERSED POLICE DETACHMENTS NUMBER 859. NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOTAL ARE MILITARY FACILITIES SUITABLE FOR DETENTION PURPOSES WHICH EXIST WHEREVER THERE IS A MILITARY UNIT OR HEADQUARTERS.
4. CONSIDERING DISPERSAL OF DETENTION FACILITIES AND THE GENERALLY POOR ROAD CONDITIONS PREVAILING, EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT 800 MAN DAYS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE SURVEY PROPOSED. ABSOLUTE TIME REQUIRED WOULD DEPEND ON NUMBER OF EMBASSY AND CONGEN OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE TASK. THE ESTIMATE OF 800 MAN DAYS IS BASED ON CIRCUIT TYPE TRIPS. TO VISIT EACH FACILITY INDIVIDUALLY WITH RETURN TO POST WOULD TAKE VERY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUCH LONGER.

5. A VERY NEGATIVE REACTION MAY BE ANTICIPATED BY THE GOE TO THE PROPOSED SURVEY. A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT HAS BEEN DEVOTED BY THE GOE TO THE SEARCH FOR YODER AND HERSCHBERGER INVOLVING, AT TIMES, CABINET AND SUB-CABINET PERSONALITIES AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL POLICE. FOR THE USG TO NOW UNDERTAKE

AN ACTIVITY BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT YODER AND HERSCHBERGER
ARE ACTUALLY BEING DETAINED BY OFFICIALS OF THE GOE WOULD
PROBABLY BE WELCOMED WITH POSITIVE HOSTILITY.

6. WHAT IS THE BASIS OF THE BELIEF THAT YODER AND HERSCHBERGER
ARE BEING HELD INCOMMUNICADO IN AN ECUADORIAN JAIL? WHAT
MOTIVATION IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE GOE FOR SUCH DETENTION AND
RELATED DECEPTION? THE EMBASSY NEEDS TO KNOW THE ANSWERS TO
THESE QUESTIONS BEFORE IT CAN OFFER AN OPINION ON THE DESIRABILITY
OF UNDERTAKING A PROJECT SO ENORMOUSLY EXPENSIVE IN MANPOWER
AND RESOURCES (DRIVERS, VEHICLES, PER DIEM, ETC.) AND FRAUGHT
WITH HAZARDS FOR OUR RELATIONS WITH ECUADOR.
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